A

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OF

EARL'S COURT HOUSE,

MRS. BRADBURY'S ESTABLISHMENT

AT OLD BROMPTON,

FOR THE

RECOVERY OF LADIES LABOURING UNDER
AFFECTIONS OF THE MIND.

WITH

Plan and Illustrations.

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ENDEAVOUR TO BE FIRST IN THY CALLING, WHATEVER IT BE; NEITHER LET ANY ONE GO BEFORE THEE IN WELL-DOING: NEVERTHELESS, DO NOT ENVY THE MERITS OF ANOTHER, BUT IMPROVE THINE OWN TALENTS.

ECONOMY OF HUMAN LIFE.

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In submitting to the public an outline of her Establishment, Mrs. Bradbury assures the friends of the nervously affected, that her unremitting care and attention is devoted to its superintendence; while the principal and important point, the alleviation of disease, by the constant employment of every means calculated to enhance a healthy progress of the mind in the valetudinarian, through the influence of such moral agents as are desirable or found to be serviceable in each respective feature of the malady, is combined with an anxious attention to all that comfort and kindness can do, in attempting to convey the feeling to the afflicted, of a friendly, cheerful, and comparatively happy home.

This establishment is now finished: it has received much study in its construction to render it suitable and complete; and it is so managed and arranged as to induce an impression of gratification in even the most fastidious.

In conjunction with the professional assistance of Mr. Neville, Mrs. Bradbury has introduced the latest improvements, with every adaptation bearing upon the curative feature, or which the experience of twenty years' successful treatment of the malady in her former establishment has suggested as beneficial.

The situation is cheerful, and the surrounding country diversified and picturesque: its proximity to London admits of a varied and enlivening change of scene to convalescents, the result of which has frequently been observed to enhance materially the operation of cure. Another essential circumstance is, the mildness and salubrity of the air: Old Brompton has proverbially been styled by the profession, for many centuries, the Montpelier of England.

Religious consolation meets the most scrupulous attention in every available instance: independent of its regular observance in the house, public worship, for such ladies as may be in a fit state to derive benefit from it, is accessible.

Many are the instances wherein the cultivation, or rather the re-developement, of original acquirements in literature or the fine arts has proved

serviceable in mental disorders; and the conviction of this fact influences Mrs. Bradbury in encouraging, by every means in her power, a disposition to renew such attainments.

That families of respectability may not be misled through false suppositions on the subject of expense, Mrs. Bradbury feels anxious it should be clearly understood, that *the terms do not necessarily exceed those of any other place of respectability throughout the kingdom.*

N. B. — Families anxious to retain their afflicted relative under their own immediate roof, or otherwise desirous to try the invalid for a period of time, may have experienced nurses of humanity and judgment on the necessary advisal.

Mrs. Bradbury has taken the liberty of subjoining a few of the testimonials bestowed upon her by eminent professional gentlemen, who have had opportunities of forming a free and unbiassed opinion on the subject; and they may be viewed as a guarantee to the public, or rather as a confirmation of the fact, that the establishment is for the reception and comfort of gentlewomen mentally affected, *in which all is made subservient to their recovery and restoration to society.*

"Dec. 16. 1834.

"Having visited Mrs. Bradbury's house at Earl's Court, with great attention, several times, and examined the new arrangements made in it for the accommodation of its inmates, in which their comfort and amusement are so much considered, I do not hesitate to pronounce it the very best establishment for the reception of insane patients which I have ever seen.

"HENRY HALFORD,
"President of the College of Physicians."

"Dec. 24. 1834.

"Having repeatedly had occasion to visit Mrs. Bradbury's establishment, Earl's Court House, I can very confidently state that, in convenience of accommodation, judicious arrangement, kind and gentle treatment, and the most ingenious and complete dispositions for affording perpetual amusement and occupation of mind for the afflicted, it comprehends greater capabilities for the restoration of health, and is therefore far superior to those advantages that can be obtained in any private abode whatever.

"JOHN HOWSHIP,
"Member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

"Saville Row."

"Dec. 29. 1834.

"The undersigned has had occasion not unfrequently to visit Earl's Court House, and he had an opportunity very

lately of viewing attentively the additions and improvements which have been made there. He considers it but justice to state, that he has never seen any establishment (of a similar nature) in which more numerous or more excellent arrangements exist for administering to the health, the comfort, and the amusement of the patients; and, in his opinion, too much praise cannot be bestowed on Mrs. Bradbury for making such pecuniary sacrifices to render the house, with its offices and surrounding grounds, so desirable for the reception of ladies affected with the various forms of mental disease.

"W. G. MATON, M. D.,

"Physician to H. R. H. the Duchess of Kent, and to the Princess Victoria.

"New Street, Spring Garden."

"Jan. 10. 1835.

"I have visited with attention Mrs. Bradbury's house at Earl's Court, both before and since the recent alterations and improvements which have been made there, and I have no hesitation in stating it as my opinion that it is an establishment of a very superior order for the reception of insane ladies, containing, as it does, not only all the requisite accommodation for their management and security, but being replete also within itself and its surrounding grounds with every comfort and luxury. I may add that it is calculated to secure to the patient, should it be required, the seclusion and quiet of a private house or lodging, in conjunction with all the advantages of a large, airy, and commodious mansion.

"W. F. CHAMBERS, M. D.,

"Physician to St. George's Hospital.

"Lower Brook Street, Bond Street."

"Feb. 28. 1835.

"I have with great attention and minuteness examined Mrs. Bradbury's establishment, and highly approve of its numerous and judicious arrangements. It affords all the comforts and best means of occupying the minds of those afflicted with the various forms of mental imbecility. It contains all the requisite accommodation for the moral and medical treatment of insane persons. It is, in my opinion, an asylum of a very superior description, and the best calculated I have ever seen for the treatment and cure of insane persons. The greatest praise is due to Mrs. Bradbury, for having expended a large amount of capital on this complete and unequalled establishment, and for having devoted it to ladies exclusively. I can also conscientiously add, that the kind and gentle treatment invariably practised by that lady to her unfortunate inmates is entitled to the highest commendation, which, with the advantages of her judicious system of treatment, tend to the restoration of health better than any private abode, however excellent.

"M. RYAN, M. D.,
"Editor of the London Medical
and Surgical Journal.

"Great Queen Street, St. James's Park."

"15. Welbeck Street, April 20. 1835.

"Mrs. Bradbury's present arrangements of her establishment for insane ladies may be considered as complete. All that vigilant superintendence, without irksome or unnecessary restraint — all that quietude and tranquillity, without gloom — all that rational amusement and diversion, without mental fatigue — can achieve in the restoration of persons thus unhappily situated, is here combined.

"By a judicious division of the premises (which will be viewed with interest by the medical practitioner, as having been the residence of the celebrated John Hunter), an advantageous classification of the patients is effected;—free exercise can be enjoyed without the gaze of curiosity, and without the belief even being excited in the mind of the convalescent patient, that her malady is known to any one beyond her own immediate attendant. Mrs. Bradbury is deserving of every encouragement for employing the best means for mitigating so severe a calamity, and for restoring those to health who may require for a time a separation from their families and their affairs.

"G. L. ROUPELL, M. D.,
"Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital."

"This establishment of Mrs. Bradbury at Earl's Court is remarkably well suited, in the size and healthy situation of the house, the arrangement of the apartments, the ample extent and disposition of the surrounding grounds, for the reception and care of deranged persons, and for affording them every opportunity of exercise, occupation, and amusement. These important advantages are rendered available in their full extent to the recovery, the safe custody, and the comfortable residence of the inmates, according to their various cases, by the amiable and kind feelings, the humane and judicious management, of Mrs. Bradbury, which I have had repeated opportunities of observing.

"WM. LAWRENCE, F.R.S.
"Whitehall Place, Nov. 24. 1835."

"I have recently had frequent opportunities of observing the general management of Mrs. Bradbury's establishment

at Earl's Court, into which females only are received; and, in my opinion, it is admirably adapted as an asylum for nervous patients. The house is spacious, and the domestic arrangements comprise every thing calculated to promote the comfort, security, and recovery of the insane. The grounds are extensive and well arranged; and, when the symptoms of the disorder admit of amusements, the variety and selection appear to be well suited to the purpose. I can testify with confidence the kindness of Mrs. Bradbury and her assistants, and that the patients in this establishment are treated with the greatest judgment and humanity.

"A. TWEEDIE, M. D.

"Montagu Place, Bedford Square,
"Nov. 30. 1835."

THE END.

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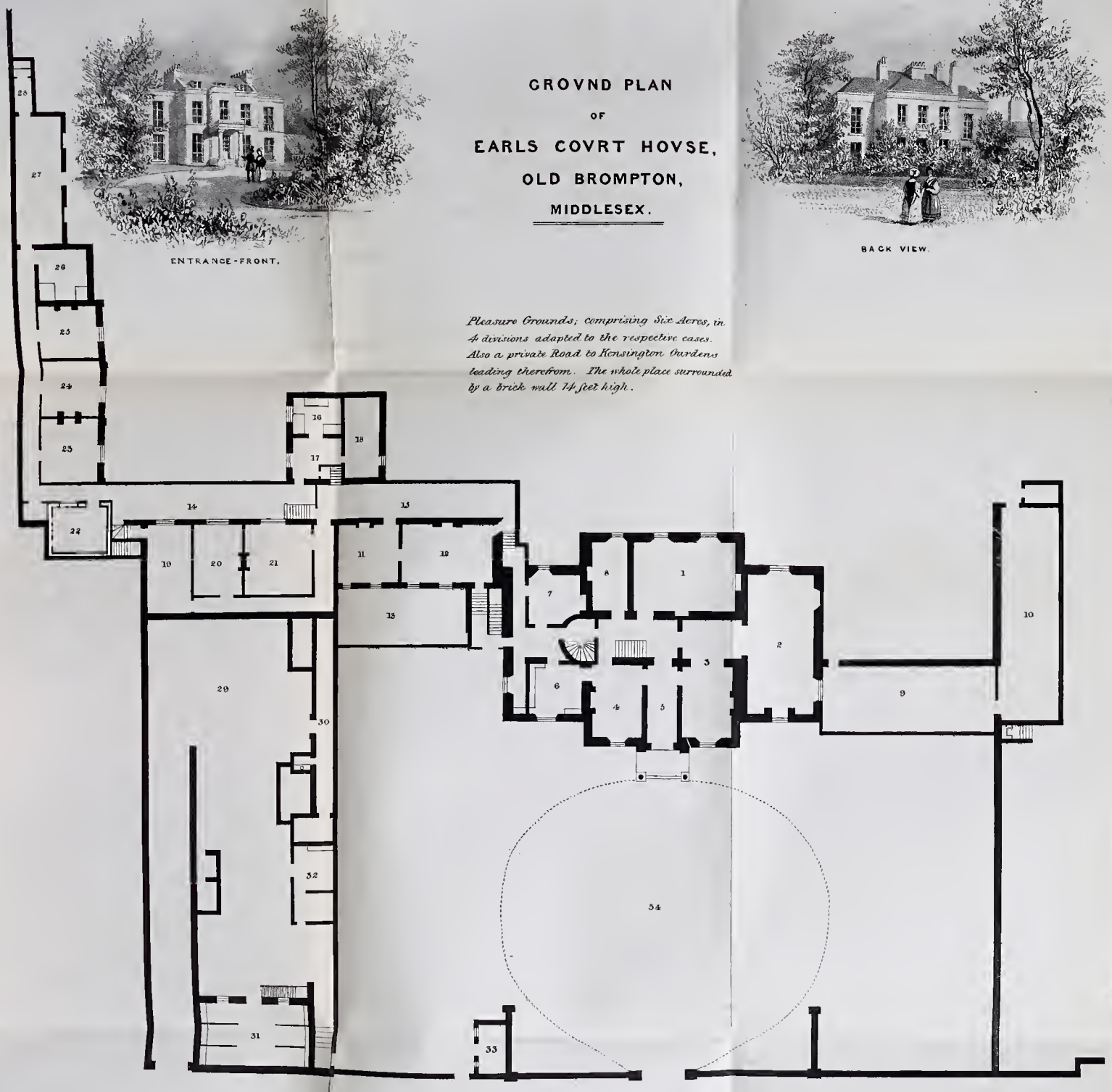
GROVND PLAN
OF
EARLS COVRT HOVSE,
OLD BROMPTON,
MIDDLESEX.

ENTRANCE-FRONT.

BACK VIEW.

Pleasure Grounds, comprising Six Acres, in 4 divisions adapted to the respective cases. Also a private Road to Kensington Gardens leading therefrom. The whole place surrounded by a brick wall 14 feet high.



REFERENCE.

1. Theatre, Billiard Room.
2. Drawing Room
3. Music Room.
4. Breakfast Room
5. Hall.
6. Surgery
7. Sitting Room for Convalescents.
8. Ditto Ditto.
9. Conservatory.
10. Hot house.

11&12. Parlors adapted to partial convalescents

13. Area &c.
14. Corridor for exercise & amusement in unseasonable weather, heated by Hot water apparatus &

fitted up with self acting & other musical Instruments, mechanical contrivances for exercise, Games &c adapted to convalescents.

15. Second. Corridor, heated as the last, with suitable adaptations & amusements for ladies disposed to recovery
16. Lower Bath room, containing Warm Bath, Shower Bath, warm & cold medicated vapour Baths, &c.
17. Aviary for foreign birds, &c
18. Bath Dressing Room

19.20&21. Sitting Rooms adapted to the respective Corridors

22. Room adapted to ladies laboring under severe paroxysms.
23.24&25. Parlors adapted to the Corridors, fitted up with musical instruments, with ranges of sleeping rooms above.
26. Engine Room containing apparatus for the supply of the vapor, warm & Shower Baths & Boiler pertaining to patent warm water apparatus by which the rooms &c are heated independent of the usual fires.
27. Third corridor for exercise &c. for ladies under the complete influence of the malady
28. Yard
29. Stable Yard & Coach Houses
30. Passage leading to Kitchen, Ice well & extensive Offices.
31. Stables.
32. Ditto.
33. Lodge.
34. Carriage Entrance.

Above this plan are excellent & compact private apartments, with ranges of sleeping rooms, &c entirely independent, for ladies for whom retirement be considered essential. Over 16. 17 & 18. are a Library supplied with the Periodicals &c fitted up with Bagatelle, intellectual games, mechanical & optical designs, &c. and a second Bath room, fitted up as the one below.

Over the chamber above 22 is a protected Observatory, commanding extensive views with Camera Obscura &c. The Stables Yards Coach-houses, & auxiliary offices are on the basement connected with the Culinary Offices, Store rooms, Servants dormitories &c &c. and perfectly insulated from patients departments in observation & arrangment

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EARLS COURT HOUSE, OLD BROMPTON, NEAR LONDON.

MRS BRADBURY'S ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE RECEPTION OF LADIES NERVOUSLY AFFECTED.

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Sectional Views as taken from the Grounds of EARLS COURT HOUSE, OLD BROMPTON,
with Ladies at their respective Calisthenic exercises.

EARLS-COURT HOUSE, OLD BROMPTON, NEAR LONDON.

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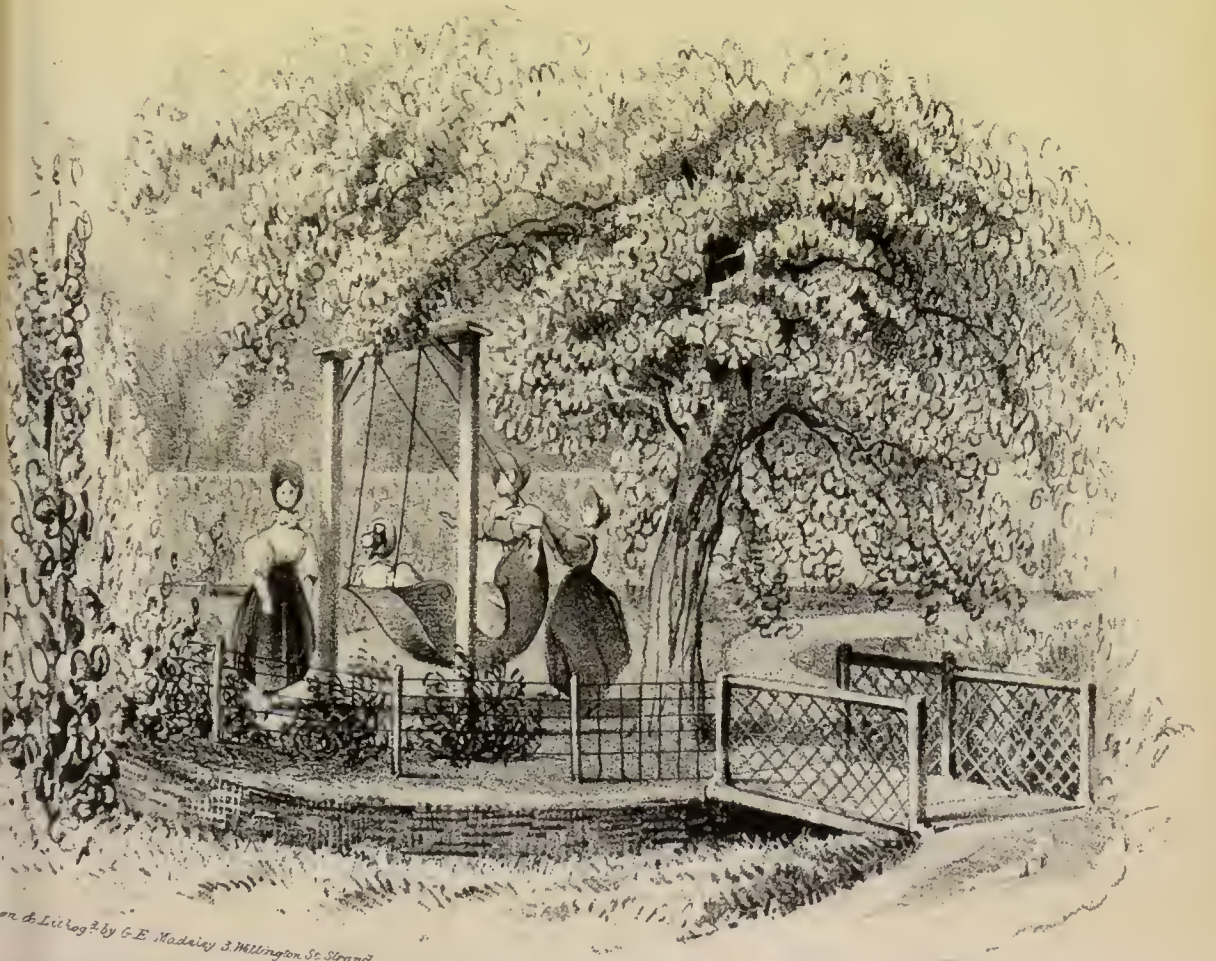

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